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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action dated September 17, 2004, having a shortened statutory period expiring on December 17, 2004. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

No Amendments to the Specification are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

No Amendments to the Drawings are presented in this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.